

PRIME MINISTER

STRATEGY FOR THE COAL INDUSTRY

An elaboration of the procedure for carrying matters forward suggested in David's note.

Call Mr. Walker over for a discussion. Out of this discussion would come a remit, which we would send him in writing - for him to produce a paper, in consultation with the Treasury, on the industry's future. The Treasury (and the Policy Unit) could ensure that this paper would cover the sort of options referred to in the Chancellor's minute, even if Mr. Walker did not back them.

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